

I urge also that schools, civic and service organizations, public bodies, libraries, the courts, the legal profession and the communications media participate in the observance of Law Day. And I call upon all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4421

March 8, 1976

**National Farm Safety Week, 1976**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

As we celebrate our Bicentennial Year, we reflect upon those factors which have propelled us from a virtual wilderness to our present position of world leadership. Beyond question, the achievements of our agricultural community are among the most important of these factors.

Dedicated farmers and ranchers, in partnership with the scientific, technical, and business communities, have pushed agricultural efficiency and productivity to unparalleled heights. As a result, little more than four percent of our labor force is able to produce enough to make us the best-fed nation and to provide sustenance to countless millions around the world.

But it is not enough to honor our past. To meet the challenges of the future with confidence, we must be assured of an unfailing flow of agricultural products. The ability of agriculture to fulfill these needs depends not only on sophisticated technology, but also upon the removal of impediments to production. We must not relax our concern about the fact that accidents are a major drain upon the human and economic resources of our agricultural community. Although the death rate from accidents in agriculture is declining, we must continue to press for the elimination of every preventable mishap that diminishes the strength and productivity of our farmers and ranchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week of July 25, 1976 through July 31, 1976, as National Farm Safety Week. I urge all who live and work on the Nation's farms and ranches to make safety an integral part of all daily activities on the job and at play, at home and on the highway. I also urge those who work with and serve agricultural producers to make a special commitment during our two-hundredth birthday year to the task of helping to make rural America a truly safe place in which to live and work. I call upon all Americans to remember that we are blessed with a strong and viable agriculture, and that we must also keep it safe for ourselves and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4422

March 16, 1976

**National Day of Prayer, 1976**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

In this Bicentennial year, we will often reflect on the events of 200 years ago. As we recall the crises of those early days, let us also reflect on the profound faith in God which inspired the founding fathers.

As the events of 1776 unfolded, our forebears knew they were on an uncertain course. On March 16 of that year, the Continental Congress, recognizing the "impending calamity and distress," asked each colony "publicly to acknowledge the over-ruling Providence of God," and urged the Colonists to observe a designated Friday in May as a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer."

When later that year, the signers of the Declaration of Independence pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, the pledge was made "with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence."

In conformity with a Congressional request (66 Stat. 64), it is especially appropriate this year that a day be set aside to reaffirm the commitment of our first citizens and draw on the "solemn sense of God's superintending Providence" that sustained them during those troubled times. 36 USC 185.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 14, 1976, as National Day of Prayer, 1976.

I call upon all Americans to pray that day, each in his or her own way, for the strength to meet the challenges of the future with the same courage and dedication Americans showed the world two centuries ago.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD